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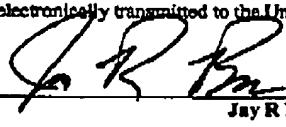
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 Mark Hernandez et al.)
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SORBENTS THEREFOR)

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 Art Unit: 1724
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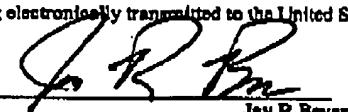
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